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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN RUMANIA

As of 15 August 1949, the harvest in Rumania had been completed on 2,784,416 hectares, and 737,277 hectares had been plowed. The following judets are leading: Satu-Mare, 77.04 percent; Teleorman, 77.01; Bihor, 61.07; Ilfov, 54.4; and Vaslui, 51.94. Some judets are way behind, such as Botosani, 4.64 percent; Ialomita, 6.04; Dorohoi, 6.59; and Timis-Torontal, 12.62.

The harvest this year was not as good as last year. This was true even of corn, which suffered from drought before ripening. The poor corn harvest is demonstrated by the high price of 40 lei per kilogram of meal on the free market, where only 2 kilograms are permitted per person. This corn meal costs 10 lei per kilogram on the ration. The wheat, barley, and out harvests will also be poor this year. The fruit, grape, and nut harvests are good.

More collective farms are being established throughout the country on the basis of experience gained in the Soviet Union. So far, more than 30 have been established, and according to confidential reports at least 60 are to be established by the end of the year. The state supports this by giving away agricultural equipment and soil and by granting loans. Although conditions for the establishment of collective farms in Rumania should be very good as a result of the low living standard of the agricultural people, the government is proceeding very cautiously, since not all the farmers have understood the great significance of this socialist development. A group of 150 farmers, led by the Minister of Agriculture Vaida, has just returned from the USSR. Their experiences there are being used as propaganda for collectivization of farms.

Considerable agricultural development is planned for the coming year and in the following Pive-Year Plan. Agriculture is to be mechanized; the number of tractors is to rise to 25,000 by 1955. In that same year there are to be 12 million sheep and 6 million beef cattle, mainly to obtain more leather for the shoe industry. The network of machine and tractor stations is to be expended. Up to now, around 100,000 farmers have been united for mass utilization of state-orned tractors and other machinery.

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Agricultural cooperatives are to be established, and emphasis is to be placed on growing crops which can be used by industry, particularly the textile industry. By the end of 1955, more than a million hectares of arable land are to be made available by improvement programs.

By 10 September 1949, a total of 55 collective farms had been established.

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